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DECLARATION OF MAUREEN M. FENDRICK UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b)

1. I am currently an employee of Mars Electronics International (MEI), a subsidiary of Mars, Incorporated.
2. While an employee of MEI, I attended the 35th NAMA Western Convention and Trade Show held in Anaheim, California from April 11-13, 1996 ("the NAMA show") as a representative of MEI.
3. At the time of the NAMA show, my title at MEI was Marketing Communications Specialist.
4. MEI employees Paul R. Fletcher, Craig A. Lewis and David P. McLaughlin also attended the NAMA show.
5. Exhibit A attached to this declaration is a true and correct copy of selected pages from the Program for the NAMA show indicating that MEI was an exhibitor at the NAMA show.
6. Exhibit B attached to this declaration is a true and correct copy of MEI literature entitled "MARS Coin Changer Series 4000," dated March 1996, that was made publicly available at the NAMA show.
7. At the time of the NAMA show, the 4000 coin changer series included Micromech VN 4000 and the VN 4010 coin changers.

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8. VN 4000 and VN 4010 coin changers were publicly displayed and operated at the NAMA show.

9. Exhibit C attached to this declaration is a true and correct copy of a photograph of the MEI booth at the NAMA show. The photograph (right-hand side) shows an MEI 4000 series changer displayed at the NAMA show.

10. The VN 4000 and VN 4010 coin changers at the NAMA show included four coin tubes. The coin tube configuration of some of those coin changers was U.S. nickel, dime, quarter and dollar coins.

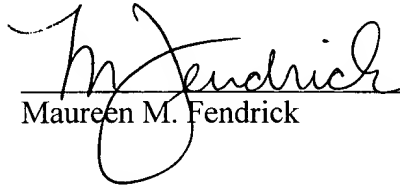
11. In connection with MEI's display at the NAMA show, VN 4000 and VN 4010 coin changers were installed and operated in vending machines, including vending machines manufactured by Automatic Products International, Ltd., Crane National Vendors, and The Vendo Company.

12. Exhibit D attached to this declaration is a true and correct copy of a photograph of the MEI booth at the NAMA show. Exhibit D shows two vending machines (one on each side of the elephant) in which either VN 4000 or VN 4010 coin changers were installed at the time of the NAMA show.

13. The information in the foregoing paragraphs is based on my own knowledge.

14. I hereby declare that all statements made herein are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Dated: April 17-2000


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